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- 781.1 4M/C 1. Bread is alleged to be the only rationed food item which is distributed in full and on time in the Soviet zone. The daily ration varies between 200 grams for children and 600 grams for "very heavy workers". The bread, containing potato flour and the like, is of inferior quality.
2. For the past several months, meat, fat, sugar, and potato rations were not distributed according to plan. There has been only one meat and fat distribution within a four-week period. The meat ration consists as a rule of 100 grams of meat of inferior quality and is supplemented by skinned-milk cheese; the fat ration varies between 50 and 100 grams, and insufficient quantities are made up by skimmed-milk cheese or sugar rations. Since January, city dwellers have received but one potato ration of approximately 15 pounds; deficiencies were made up by sauerkraut or vegetables.
3. Foodstuffs have become scarce even on the black market, and prices have gone up. The following prices are asked at the present time:

Bread	1 loaf of 3 pounds	M 70 - 80
Fats	1 lb	" 400
Eggs	1	" 15
Sugar	1 lb	" 80 - 90
Meat	1 lb	" 75 - 90
Potatoes	100 lb	" 400 - 500
Rye	1 lb	" 35 - 40
Wheat	1 lb	" 50 - 55

4. The population in general is in bad physical shape; according to physicians, seventy-five per cent of all diseases can be traced to undernourishment.

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